

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

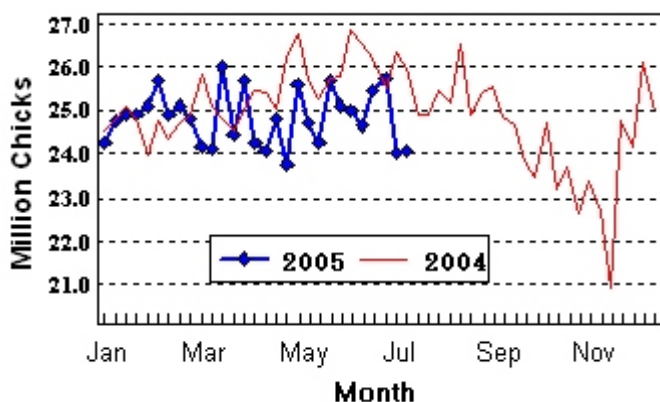
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.1 million during the week ending July 16, 2005. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week in 2004, but up slightly from the revised previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through July 16, 2005 were 720.3 million, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.1 million, down 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 2 percent from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.0 percent.

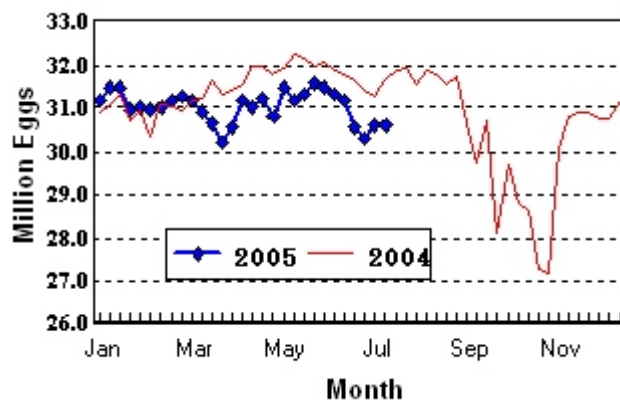
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 16, 2005, down 3 percent from the same period last year, and down slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jun. 11	26,808	25,012	93	26,514	26,018	98	31,916	31,343	98
Jun. 18	26,556	24,643	93	26,502	26,274	99	31,809	31,176	98
Jun. 25	26,166	25,470	97	26,585	26,251	99	31,647	30,555	97
Jul. 2	25,484	25,763	101	26,419	26,153	99	31,452	30,301	96
Jul. 9	26,353	24,035	91	26,297	25,696	98	31,262	30,623	98
Jul. 16	25,933	24,073	93	26,146	25,065	96	31,653	30,603	97

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	25-Jun	02-Jul	09-Jul	16-Jul		11-Jun	18-Jun	25-Jun	02-Jul	09-Jul	16-Jul	
Alabama	31,218 *	31,374	31,272	31,768	103	22,017	22,158	21,560	22,088	21,748	21,383	102
ARKANSAS	30,555 *	30,301	30,623	30,603	97	25,012	24,643	25,470	25,763	24,035 *	24,073	93
Delaware	4,061	3,798	3,974	4,073	110	5,708	5,999	5,822	5,913	5,978	6,395	126
Florida	1,403	1,342	1,384	1,384	101	1,442	1,536	1,482	1,516	1,502	1,489	113
Georgia	33,173	32,313	33,436	33,337	99	27,580	26,841	28,280	26,933	27,700 *	27,277	98
Kentucky	6,622 *	6,999	7,138	7,114	101	6,182	6,025	6,222	5,563	5,840	5,997	108
Louisiana	4,105	4,042	4,135	4,135	106	3,800	4,134	4,057	3,801	4,204 *	4,055	117
Maryland	9,016	9,022	9,022	8,938	101	5,395	5,009	5,533	5,471	5,284 *	4,830	83
Mississippi	18,959	19,191	19,165 *	19,101	96	17,033	17,160	17,212	17,248	17,297 *	17,350	101
N. Carolina	18,588	17,716	17,551	18,350	98	15,594	15,311	14,998	15,896	15,012	15,103	101
Oklahoma	6,508	6,563	6,282 *	6,482	96	4,939	4,999	5,405	4,761	5,531 *	5,599	117
Pennsylvania	3,979	3,779 *	4,015 *	3,991	101	3,005	2,997	2,963	2,908 *	2,803	2,832	99
S. Carolina	5,065	5,283	5,052	4,971	131	3,996	4,927	4,605	4,337	3,975	4,544	118
Texas	15,251	14,584	15,329	15,208	98	12,904	12,937	12,972	12,909	12,858	12,881	101
Virginia	6,495	6,226	6,491 *	6,062	88	5,466	5,455	5,496	5,108	4,734 *	5,206	96
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,771	17,410 *	17,243 *	18,231	104	17,464	17,421	16,085	17,545	17,780 *	16,572	91
Total 2005	212,769 *	209,943 *	212,112 *	213,748		177,537	177,552	178,162	177,760 *	176,281 *	175,586	
Total 2004	212,929	210,618	211,359	214,348		177,930	175,598	175,595	176,751	176,620	176,174	
%Prev. Year	100	100	100	100		100	101	101	101	100	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						30-Jul	06-Aug	13-Aug	20-Aug	27-Aug	03-Sep	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 214 million eggs during the week ending July 16, 2005. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 16, 2005. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through July 16, 2005 were 4.93 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.